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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 6, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 6, 2004, please enter this response and consider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0054.C1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets. Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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